## 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 6 7 Case No. 2:23-cv-01988-JCM-DJA MICHAEL HOLMES, 8 Plaintiff(s), Order 9 v. 10 CLARK COUNTY, 11 Defendant(s).

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On March 12, 2024, the Court set an early neutral evaluation for May 21, 2024. Docket 13 No. 15. The Court ordered evaluation statements to be provided by 3:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024. Id. at 3. That order also specified the information to be included in that statement, including ordering in bold two separate times that the statement must include an email address for each participant. Id. at 1, 3. In the lead up to the early neutral evaluation, Plaintiff's counsel violated the order several times, including that: (1) they failed to submit an evaluation statement by the ordered deadline; (2) after being ordered (again) to submit an evaluation statement, they submitted one that did not provide the information required (including email addresses); and (3) after being ordered for a third time to submit an evaluation statement with the required information, they did not do so. See Docket Nos. 24, 25, 26.1 Attorneys Dan Winder and Arnold Weinstock are hereby **ADMONISHED** for repeatedly violating the Court's orders. Failure to comply with the Court's orders moving forward may result in the imposition of sanctions.

As the Court has made clear already, rescheduling the early neutral evaluation within the timeframe contemplated in the local rules is not feasible at this late stage. See Docket No. 24 at 2 n.1. Moreover, violating the Court's orders is assuredly not good cause to justify relief from that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff's counsel also violated the initial order setting the early neutral evaluation with 28 respect to requesting a continuance. *See* Docket No. 24.

1 timeframe. Accordingly, the Court declines to hold an early neutral evaluation in this case. See 2 Local Rule 16-6(c) ("The evaluating magistrate judge . . . may exempt any case from the early 3 neutral evaluation on the judge's own motion"). The Clerk's Office is **INSTRUCTED** to remove the ENE flag and to remove the undersigned from the docket as the settlement judge. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: May 22, 2024 Nancy J. Koppe United States Magistrate Judge